3453. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket No. FEMA-B-7730 and B-7729] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3454. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations — received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3455. A letter from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Government National Mortgage Association: Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Program-Payments to Securityholders; Book-Entry Procedures; and Financial Reporting [Docket No. FR-5063-F-02] (RIN: 2503-AA19) received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3456. A letter from the Northern California Habitat Supervisor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's comments on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's preliminary analysis of the Tuolumne River Fisheries Study Plan for the New Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3457. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "to enhance the functioning and integration of formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3458. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2007 [Notice 2007-77] received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3459. A letter from the Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Treatment of Certain Nuclear Decommissioning Funds for Purposes of Allocating Purchase Price in Certain Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions [TD 9358] (RIN: 1545-BC99) received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3460. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 7508.-Time for Performing Certain Acts Postponed by Reason of Service in Combat Zone or Contingency Operation (Also Sections 6081, 7508A; 11 U.S.C. 507, 523, 727.) (Rev. Rul. 2007-59) received September 10, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Wavs and Means.

3461. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 1045 Application to Partnerships [TD 9353] (RIN: 1545-BC67) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3462. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Disregarded Entities; Employment and Excise Taxes [TD 9356] (RIN: 1545-BE43) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3463. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue

Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Expenses for Household and Dependent Care Services Necessary for Gainful Employment [TD 9354] (RIN: 1545-BB86) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means

3464. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Tier 1 Issue: Government Settlements Directive #2 [LMSB Control No.: LMS-04-0707-050] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3465. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transaction of Interest — Contribution of Successor Member Interest [Notice 2007-72] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3466. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Extension of Transition Relief for Indian Tribal Government Plans [Notice 2007-67] received August 14, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3467. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Weighted Average Interest Rates Update [Notice 2007-68] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3468. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Elimination of country-by-country reporting to shareholders of foreign taxes paid by regulated investment companies [TD 9357] (RIN: 1545-BE09) received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3469. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Transition Relief Regarding the Active Trade or Business Requirement for Certain Transactions [Notice 2007-60] received September 17, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3470. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Section 807.-Rules for certain reserves (Also 812) (Rev. Rul. 2007-54) received September 17, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3471. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting copies of two proposed bills to collect certain fees under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodentice Act (FIFRA); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.

3472. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2009, in accordance with Section 7(f) of the Railroad Retirement Act, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 3567. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses, and for other purposes (Rept. 110–347). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 677. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. 110–348). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. SUTTON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 678. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl (Rept. 110–349). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. McDermott, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SPACE, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts):

H.R. 3648. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 3649. A bill to require mercenary training to be conducted only on Federal Government property; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. POE, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, and Mr. TANCREDO):

H.R. 3650. A bill to provide for the continuation of restrictions against the Government of North Korea unless the President certifies to Congress that the Government of North Korea has met certain benchmarks; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mr. MATHESON, and Mr. CANNON):

H.R. 3651. A bill to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 3652. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen, Mr. Wolf, and Mr. McCotter):

H.R. 3653. A bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its human rights record and to support a transition to democracy in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.